

"GORIRAIRI"

...

...A
LONG
TIME
AGO.

...WAS THE
NAME PEOPLE
USED TO CALL
ME BY AND
TEASE ME
WITH...

IT WAS
ROUGH,
BUT MY
ONE GOOD
POINT WAS
THAT I WAS
ALWAYS
CHEERFUL

...

...SO I'D
GO WITH
THE FLOW
AND CRACK
GORILLA
JOKES.

SHE'S SO
STRONG...



...AND HE
THOUGHT MY
JOKES WERE
HILARIOUS.

HIS NAME
WAS OKADA.
HE WAS THE
MOST POPULAR
GUY AMONG
THE GIRLS...

IN MY
THIRD YEAR
OF JUNIOR
HIGH, THOUGH,
I FELL FOR A
CLASSMATE. IT
WAS LOVE AT
FIRST SIGHT...

FOR THE
FIRST TIME,
I FELT LUCKY
TO BE A
GORILLA.

THE NEXT
THING I
KNEW, WE'D
BECOME A
SORT OF
COMEDY
DUO.

JUST BEING
NEXT TO HIM
MADE ME
HAPPY.

THAT'S
WHY I REALLY
COMMITTED TO
THE GORILLA
ACT EVERY
DAY.

OKADA
WOULD FEED
ME SETUP
LINES, AND
I'D PLAY
DUMB.



I-IF YOU
TELL ME
STUFF LIKE
THAT...

...I'LL FALL
FOR YOU,
Y'KNOW!?

HUH
...?

I FEEL LIKE
I HAVE THE
MOST FUN
WHEN I'M
WITH YOU,
RAIRI.

KAAAA
(BLUSH)



THAT'S
FINE.

GO AHEAD.



WOW...



DWEEEH
!?

THAT
GUY...

WELL...

HE
ALREADY
HAD A
GIRL-
FRIEND.



I JUST
HAPPENED TO
SPOT THEM
TOGETHER.

SHE WAS
GORGEOUS—
AN AMATEUR
FASHION
MAGAZINE
MODEL
ONE GRADE
BELOW US.



DON'T
TELL ME
YOU LIKE
HER.

HUH?

YUU-
KUN.

YOU'VE BEEN
SPENDING A
LOT OF TIME
WITH GORILLA-
SAN LATELY.



SHE'S
IMPORTANT
TO ME AS A
COMEDY
PARTNER.

I CAN'T
BE FUNNY IF
SHE'S NOT
AROUND.

SO YOU'RE
A COMEDIAN
NOW? THAT'S
HILARIOUS
(LOL).



HA
HA
HA!

HELL
NO.







YOU WANNA
PLAY WITH
A GORILLA
THAT BADLY?

OKAY.
LET'S
PLAY.

I
HATE IT
ALL!!

I HATE
IDIOTS
WHO CAN'T
IMAGINE
HOW OTHER
PEOPLE
FEEL...

...OR GUYS
WHO STRING
YOU ALONG
WHEN THEY'VE
GOT GIRL-
FRIENDS
ALREADY!

I HATE
THIS DAMN
WORLD
THAT SHUTS
OUT UGLY
PEOPLE...

...AND
MYSELF!

...MY
FACE...



DO
(THUD)

DO

DO

DO

I HATE IT
AAAALL
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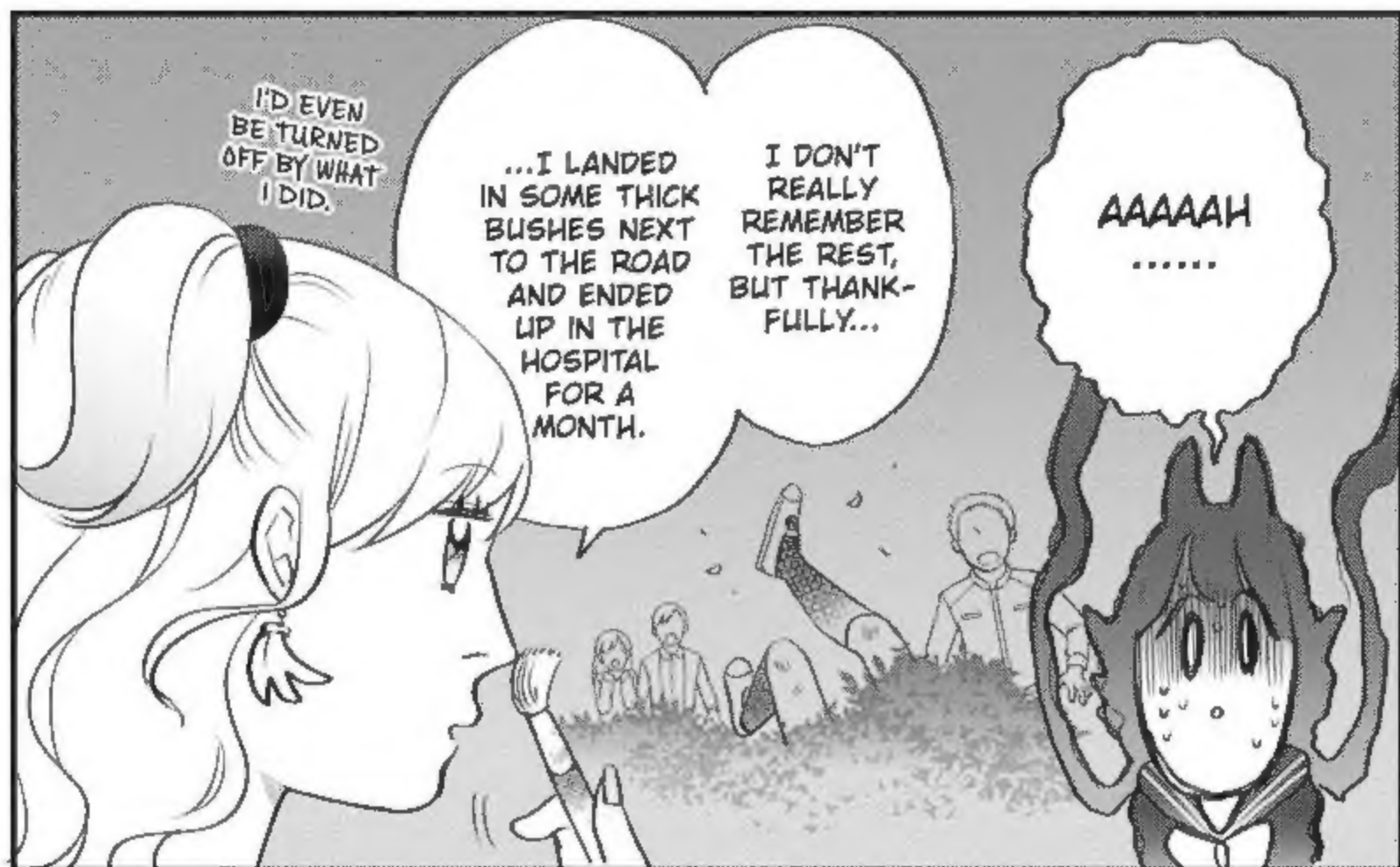
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DOGA
(GALLOP)

GAKU
(CLURCH)

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I'D EVEN
BE TURNED
OFF BY WHAT
I DID.

...I LANDED
IN SOME THICK
BUSHES NEXT
TO THE ROAD
AND ENDED
UP IN THE
HOSPITAL
FOR A MONTH.

I DON'T
REALLY
REMEMBER
THE REST,
BUT THANK-
FULLY...

AAAAAH
.....



I THOUGHT
THEY WERE
STILL
LAUGHING.

...BUT
MY HEART
STAYED
FROZEN.

OKADA AND
SOME OF MY
CLASSMATES
CAME BY TO
VISIT LATER TO
APOLOGIZE...



I WAS
THE ONE
WHO HATED
MYSELF
THE MOST,
AFTER ALL.



...THAT
WAS
WHEN...



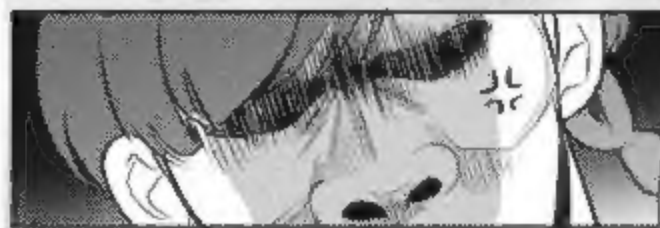
...AND EVERY
DAY, I TRIED
TO THINK OF
WHAT WOULD
ALLOW ME TO
LIKE MYSELF.

LOOKING IN
MIRRORS
STARTED
TO SCARE
ME...

...I
FOUND
THIS—



A LIP
COLOR
AND EYE-
SHADOW
PALETTE.



...AND
IT SAYS,
"YOU TOO CAN
HAVE A FACE
LIKE ARISA'S."
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IT WAS A
BONUS ITEM
FROM A
MAGAZINE
SOMEBODY
GAVE ME
WHEN I WAS
IN THE
HOSPITAL.

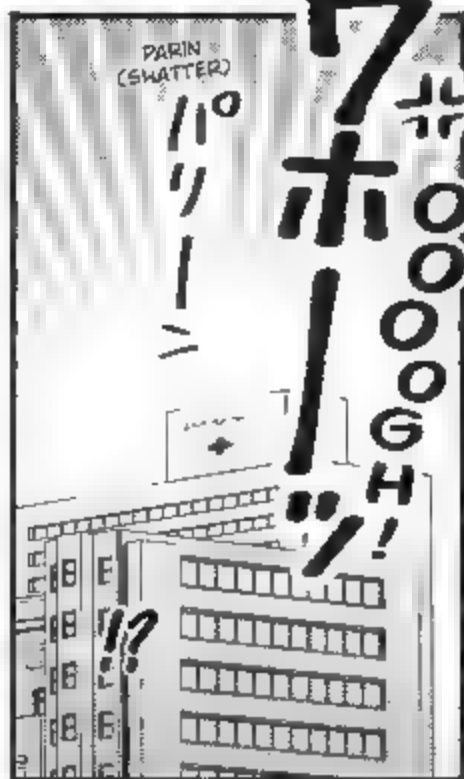
IT WAS
MADE IN
COLLABORATION
WITH ARISA
NAKAMURA,
A POPULAR
MODEL...

DON'T
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
GORILLAS
...

HA!



BUT
THAT
NIGHT
...



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DONDOKO DONDOKO DONDOKO

DONDOKO

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DONDOKO

DONDOKO

DONDOKO

DONDOKO (THUMP)

CUTE

.....?

カト>カト>カト>カト>カト>カト>カト>カト>カト>

ME.....?

DONDOKO

DONDOKO

カト>カト>カト>カト>



...FOR
FOREVER.

I'D BEEN
SEARCHING
FOR A WAY
TO BREAK
OUT OF THE
DARKNESS...





I ONLY
MANAGED
TO START
LIKING
MYSELF...

...JUST
RECENTLY.



.....
AMAZING
...



ONCE I
WAS IN HIGH
SCHOOL,
I WORKED
PART-TIME
JOBS LIKE
CRAZY TO
EARN MONEY
FOR MAKEUP.

I STUDY
EVERY DAY,
USING ALL
SORTS OF
COSMETICS
BOOKS AS
REFERENCE!

WOW
...

AH HA HA!



HOW HARD
DID YOU HAVE
TO WORK TO
PICK UP THOSE
TECHNIQUES
...!?



HONESTLY,
I'M STILL
NOT THAT
CONFIDENT.

I CAME
CLOSE TO
GIVING UP
A TON OF
TIMES,
BUT...

...AND
WHEN NOBODY
COMPLIMENTED
ME, I'D GET
UNEASY.

WHILE
PRACTICING,
I'D REDO MY
MAKEUP OVER
AND OVER
UNTIL MY
SKIN GOT
ROUGH...

...WHENEVER
I GOT TO THAT
POINT, I'D GIVE
MYSELF A PEP
TALK AND SAY,
"YOU GOT THIS!
YOU'RE SUPER-
CUTE!"

"HAPPY
PEACE!"...

...WHILE
STANDING
IN FRONT
OF THE
MIRROR.

GOTCHA
...!

KOKU
(NOD)

DON'T TELL
ANYBODY
AT SCHOOL
THAT I'M A
GORILLA,
'KAY?

BUT
EVEN NOW,
I CAN ONLY
REALLY
SHOW MY
REAL FACE
TO PEOPLE
I TRUST.

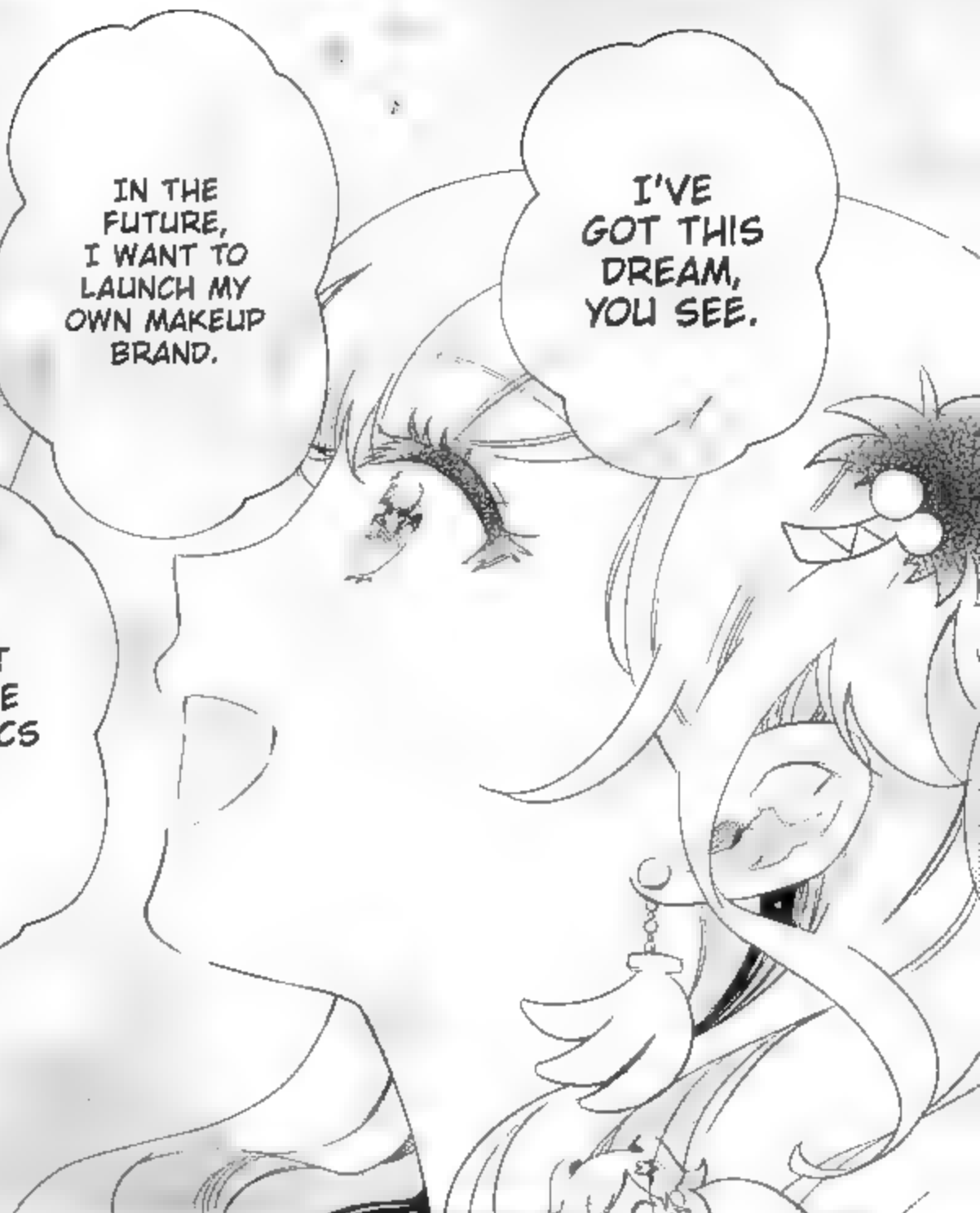


IN THE FUTURE,
I WANT TO
LAUNCH MY
OWN MAKEUP
BRAND.

I'VE
GOT THIS
DREAM,
YOU SEE.

I WANT
TO MAKE
COSMETICS
...

...THAT'LL
GIVE GIRLS
LIKE ME, WHO
DON'T HAVE
ANY CONFIDENCE,
THE CHANCE
TO CHANGE
THEMSELVES.





**GOT IT!
I'LL DO
JUST
THAT!**

**I'LL MAKE
EVERYBODY
CUTE—GORILLAS
AND KAIJUS
INCLUDED!**

**RAIRI-
SAN'S SO
STRONG.**

**...HAVE
GOOD
REASONS
FOR BEING
THE WAY
THEY ARE...**

**I GUESS
WONDERFUL
PEOPLE
LIKE HER...**







JUMBO KING, YOU TOO!!

IS IT SOMETHING TO GET THAT STARTLED ABOUT!?

ARE YOU WEARING MAKEUP!?

DOBABABA (BAAARF)



HMPH!

I DON'T THINK IT SUITS YOU, KURO-TAN.

MOMMY LIKES YOUR REAL FACE.



...EXCEPT IT'S FOR MINAMI-KUN, RIGHT?



I'LL DECIDE WHICH "ME" I LIKE!!

BAN (SLAM)



HMPH!

WHATEVER HAPPENS, DON'T COME CRYING TO ME.



I WANT
TO BE
MENTALLY
STRONG
TOO...

HAAH...



PIKO
(BING?)



GUNWU
(STARE)

くぐぐ...

NO...
RAIRI-SAN'S
SKILLS ARE
SOLID. I
KNOW THEY
ARE.

DOES IT
REALLY
NOT LOOK
GOOD?



Are you ready for the
field trip the day after
tomorrow? I'm looking
forward to Okutama!

WILL WE
GET TO BE
TOGETHER
DURING
FREE TIME
...?

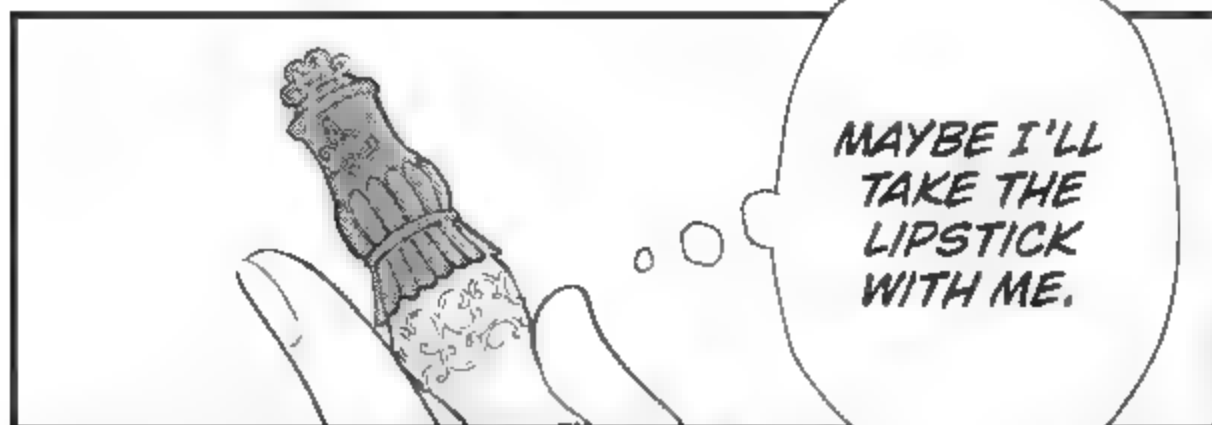


MAHMAH
(FIDGET?)



COMPLETELY
FORGOT
ABOUT IT...

THE
FIELD TRIP
...



MAYBE I'LL
TAKE THE
LIPSTICK
WITH ME.



AFTER
ALL...IT
MADE
MINAMI-
KUN
HAPPY.

I THINK.



ちゅ
CHU
(KISS)

GACHA
(KACHAK)

**KURO-
TAN,
DINNER-
TIME!**

HEY!

**WHAT
WAS
THAT
FOR!?**

**YOU'LL
DISTURB
EVERYONE
IN TOKYO
!!**

EE
EE
EE
EE

WAS
THAT
HARUGON
17

AAAGH
AAAGH

**DON'T
WALK IN
ON ME LIKE
THAT!!**

**TWO
DAYS
LATER**

**WE'RE ON
OUR FIELD
TRIP TODAY!**

**THOSE OF
YOU WHO AREN'T
USED TO YOUR
NEW CLASSES
YET, TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY
TO.....**

**SHALL WE
GO SEE THE
OGOUCHI DAM
TOGETHER
DURING FREE
TIME?**

**YEAH...
IT'S TOO
BAD.**

AW...

**I VERY
MUCH WANTED
TO BARBECUE
WITH YOU,
KUROE-SAN.**

**WE MAY
FIND A
GIANT
STAG
BEETLE
THERE.**

♡







HE
KNOWS
RAIRI-
SAN'S
BARE
FACE!!

CRAP,
CRAP,
CRAP!

WHOA!
(LOLOL!) YOUR
FACE LOOKS
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT!!
(LOLOL.)

UH...

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!?

BA
(BAM)

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HAVE
WE
MET?

HUH?